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Lowell Lewis, who is stationed at Fort Roberts, San Luis Obispo, California, visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Shacklee, and his sister, Miss Louise Lewis of Robinson last week. Mr. and Mrs. Roe F. Greenwood and daughter Rosalie of Newton also visited her mother, Mrs. Shacklee.

*May 12, 1942*

Wilbert "Spike" Compton, who is in the United States Navy in the Atlantic ocean, is visiting his father, David Compton of Newton. He is a fireman on the battleship Arkansas, which is engaged in convoy duty in the Atlantic and tells of one attack by ten German submarines on a convoy in which eight U-boats were sunk. A torpedo was aimed at his ship in this attack but missed. It was his first furlough in fourteen months.

In a letter from Russell Harrison of Newton, who recently enlisted in the United States Army, he says: "We got into camp Sunday at midnight. They put us in bunks all over camp and never got us all together until late the next afternoon. This (Camp Sutton, North Carolina) is a new camp with about 5,000 ordnance recruits from all over the United States. Our company is made up of men from Illinois, Michigan and Colorado. We have been measured for uniforms but have received none yet. We sleep in tents, six men to a tent, and spend our spare time building walks, setting up tents and drilling. The trip from Chicago was made in Pullman cars in thirty-one hours, going by way of Washington, D. C."